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### THE HALF-YEARLY INDEXES, 1915.

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## RECRUITING FOR THE NAVAL AND MILITARY MEDICAL SERVICES.

### MEDICAL STUDENTS AND MILITARY SERVICE.

THE President of the General Medical Council has received from the War Office the following intimations relating to medical students:

I. Students who at or before the close of the present winter session will be qualified for entry to one of the examinations for third-year students in medicine, and duly enter for the examination for which they are studying, will not be attested until after its conclusion; and if they are successful will be included in the class of fourth-year students (under Lord Derby's scheme).

II. Directions have been sent to all Commands in England and Scotland, instructing them to inform military representatives [on recruiting tribunals] that in cases where students, attested in Army Reserve, Section B, appeal for their calling-up to be postponed until after they have taken an examination, this request may be granted provided the examination will be held before March 31st, 1916.

The President will be grateful if steps are taken by the authorities of each medical school to call attention to these official intimations, which have special reference to students of the first, second, and third years of the professional course.

DONALD MACALISTER,
*President.*

General Council of Medical Education
and Registration of the United Kingdom,
44, Hallam Street, London, W.,
January 10th, 1916.

### THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD IN IRELAND.

THE Local Government Board (Ireland) wrote recently to the Swinford Board of Guardians acknowledging replies to queries respecting Dr. Martin Sweeney, recently elected by the board of guardians to the medical officership of the Lowpark Dispensary District, and drawing attention to its circular letter of December 26th, 1915, and to suggest, in view of the fact that Dr. Sweeney is 27 years of age, and qualified in that respect for employment with the forces of the Crown, that the guardians might endeavour to make some temporary arrangement whereby Dr. Sweeney would be enabled to volunteer for active service until the termination of the war. The guardians could keep the post open until Dr. Sweeney's return, and the Board would then accord their sanction to his permanent appointment. The guardians made an order informing the Local Government Board that the appointment of Dr. Sweeney was made before the issue of the circular referred to, and requiring them to sanction his appointment at once, as the Lowpark Dispensary District was one of the largest in the union and had a population of over 9,000, and a temporary arrangement for the discharge of the duties was therefore not desirable. Owing to the number of Irish doctors who have, since the war broke out, joined the R.A.M.C., several large dispensary districts have been left without medical officers.

### PRACTICES OF MEN ACCEPTING COMMISSIONS.

UNDER the auspices of the City Division of the British Medical Association a meeting of medical practitioners resident in the boroughs of Stoke Newington, Hackney, Bethnal Green, Shoreditch, Finsbury, and City was held at the Hackney Town Hall on January 7th. Dr. Durno, chairman of the Division, who presided, said that the meeting was delayed so that every medical man might have the opportunity of attending. The following resolutions were carried:

1. That in case of men who join or rejoin the R.A.M.C. after the date of this meeting the following fees should be paid to men who do their work at home: (1) In panel cases 50 per cent. should go to the man who does the work. (2) In private practice, if the dispensing is done by the representative, he should receive three-fifths of the fees. (3) All midwifery fees should be paid in full to the representative. All the above to be subject to private arrangements made by individuals. Territorials to be treated as other volunteers.
2. That the War Emergency Committee should conduct any business on the lines of this meeting.

## THE NEW LIGHTING RESTRICTIONS.

THE new order as to lights on vehicles, made by the Home Secretary under the Defence of the Realm Regulations, came into force on January 10th.

It extends to the whole country outside the metropolitan area provisions which already applied in many areas, fixing the lighting-up time for all vehicles as half an hour after sunset, and requiring all vehicles to carry a red lamp in the rear. A separate lamp at the rear is required for all except hand vehicles. The last requirement does not come into force until February 10th. These regulations are considered necessary for the public safety, because of the reduction of street lighting and the general increase of naval and military motor traffic on the roads at night. The remainder of the order deals with the reduction of lights in those areas where bright lights might serve to guide hostile aircraft (Part II). Lists of these areas are given in a schedule. The order defines the restrictions, and makes them uniform in all the areas affected. In them the use of headlights is prohibited, but sidelights are allowed of sufficient brightness to afford a reasonable driving light for ordinary speeds. It is found that sidelights which can be allowed on country roads are a source of danger in towns where the large number of lighted vehicles makes the lights of the main streets visible to aircraft, and it has therefore been necessary (Part III) to require sidelights to be further reduced in large towns in the eastern counties set out in a second schedule. The order prescribes the standards of maximum size and power, and method of obscuring different types of lamps.

A number of letters have been received at the offices of the British Medical Association pointing out the inconveniences and dangers which may arise owing to the fact that it is necessary for medical practitioners to go about the country at night, and the following correspondence

has passed between the British Medical Association and the Home Office:

December 31st, 1915.

Sir,

Representations have been made to this Association from various quarters as to the great inconvenience and possible danger that will be caused by the new lighting restrictions which come into force on January 10th when applied to the motor cars of doctors. Practitioners in rural areas state that under the new order it will be almost impossible for them to get about in the country at night, and they have asked that the British Medical Association should make representations in favour of some relaxation of the order being made as regards the motor cars of doctors when in use for professional purposes. I shall be glad to know whether there is any possibility of such a relaxation. The difficulties as regards procedure are obvious, but if, without prejudice to public safety, some arrangement could be made which would enable rural doctors to get about the country at night time with expedition and with safety to themselves and the public, it would clearly be to the advantage of their patients as well as to the members of the profession concerned who are at present being very seriously overworked and harassed.

I am, yours faithfully,
ALFRED COX.
*Medical Secretary.*

The Secretary of State,
Home Office, Whitehall, S.W.

300,000/61. Home Office, Whitehall,
10th January, 1916.

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 31st December on the subject of the Lights (Vehicles) Order, I am directed by the Secretary of State to say that the Order was framed with special regard to the needs of medical practitioners and others who have to travel by road at night; and, though it prohibits the use of headlights in certain parts of the country, it permits the use on country roads of side lamps giving a brighter light than has been allowed in many areas under the existing Orders, and will be found to allow sufficient light for safe driving at ordinary speeds, even on narrow and winding roads.

The restrictions under Part III of the Order apply only in certain towns where sidelights of the maximum brightness allowed by Part II of the Order are unnecessary, and might, in the event of the approach of hostile aircraft, be a source of danger.

In some cases motorists may be unable to obtain the full illumination the Order allows with the lamps they already possess, but, on the whole, a better driving light is permitted under this Order than under the Orders previously in force.

If there is at first a difficulty in complying with the requirements of the Order on account of local shortages in the supply of lamps, reasonable latitude will be allowed by the police, but the Secretary of State regrets he cannot authorize any general exceptions from its provisions.

I am, Sir, your obedient Servant,
EDWARD TROUP.

The Medical Secretary,
The British Medical Association,
429, Strand, W.C.

## INSURANCE.

### THE WORK OF PANEL PRACTITIONERS.

THE Medical Secretary of the British Medical Association, 429, Strand, would be glad to have from panel practitioners a note as to their work in 1915 stating:

Number of insured persons on his list.
,, of patients seen.
,, of visits.
,, of surgery attendances.

Dr. Legge Paulley (Pulham Market, Norfolk) has forwarded us the following figures of his work under the Insurance Act during 1915:

| | 1914. | 1915. |
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| Average number of patients on list ... | 750 | 700 |
| Record cards opened for ... ... ... | 354 | 348 |
| Number of attendances ... ... ... | 3,100 | 2,850 |

## *LOCAL MEDICAL AND PANEL COMMITTEES.*

### LONDON.

*The War and the Position of Panel Practice.*—At the meeting of the London Panel Committee on December 21st, 1915, Dr. H. J. CARDALE reported that in the course of the interview a deputation had had with the Central Medical War Committee the Central Committee stated that it might be necessary to approach the Government with a view to a modification of the requirements on practitioners under agreement with Insurance Committees. In reply to a suggestion from the Central Committee that the percentage of non-panel men in London who were serving with His Majesty's Forces was higher than that of panel men so serving, the deputation pointed out that the figures mentioned in respect of non-panel men included men who had never been in practice, but who had left appointments or gone straight from hospitals. It was suggested by the Central Committee that the formation of "clinics" in certain congested areas would be useful from the point of view both of doctors and patients. The Central Committee took the opportunity also of pressing the desirability of close co-operation between Panel Committees and the British Medical Association, and with regard to the representation of panel practitioners on the Central Committee, pointed out that it was a national committee, and that the London Panel Committee would be better advised to seek representation on the War Emergency Committee of the Metropolitan Counties Branch. Dr. COWIE, while admitting that the military requirements must have precedence, doubted whether the authorities were making full use of such material as they had already, and mentioned that he had met men home from different fronts who said that they had virtually been doing nothing, and when he asked whether he should join up, they replied that he should do so by all means if he wanted a holiday. He trusted that the Central Committee would respond to the appeal to widen its representation. Dr. B. A. RICHMOND said that the Central Committee had asked the War Office to refuse applications for commissions from practitioners in such boroughs as Poplar, Stepney, Shoreditch, and Finsbury, until the Committee had been consulted. If all the medical men of military age were to join the forces there would be left in

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| Shoreditch | 1 medical man | to | 18,000 | population. |
| Bethnal Green | ,, | ,, | 12,000 | ,, |
| Stepney | ,, | ,, | 9,000 | ,, |
| Poplar | ,, | ,, | 8,000 | ,, |
| Finsbury | ,, | ,, | 6,700 | ,, |

Dr. J. GALLOWAY, in reply to a question as to the origin of the Central War Committee, said that actually it had been evolved from the British Medical Association, and was subsequently enlarged and made to include every medical interest. Although the Committee wanted one more member the place could hardly in justice be allocated to a representative of one particular panel committee. The panel point of view was very ably represented, and panel practice would be amply safeguarded.

A large amount of the business on the Panel Committee's agenda fell through owing to the absence of a quorum.

### WEST RIDING OF YORKSHIRE.

AT a meeting of the Local Medical and Panel Committees on November 3rd it was decided to accept the proposed alterations set out in Memorandum 217/I.C., relating to the arrangements for the administration of medical benefit for 1916. It was also decided to discontinue the practice of using the formula "Rep. mist.," and to call the attention of the Commissioners to the great discontent existing among panel practitioners in the area owing to the prolonged delay arising from the non-payment of the balance due to them for the year 1914.

### YORK.

AT a meeting of the Local Medical and Panel Committees on December 22nd, 1915, it was reported that the Pharmaceutical Committee had appealed to the Commissioners with reference to the decision of the Panel Committee against the use of aqua destillata by the chemists in all cases, and that the Commissioners had upheld the Panel Committee's decision.

It was decided to support the suggested payment of the travelling expenses of members of Panel Committees out of the statutory grant from the Medical Benefit Fund.

A letter was read from the Commissioners to the Clerk of the North Riding Insurance Committee supporting the contention of the York Insurance Committee that the treatment afforded to insured persons resident in the Scarborough Cottage Hospital cannot be regarded as given under the Insurance Act.

It was decided to nominate Dr. Lyth as one of the representatives of the medical practitioners on the York Insurance Committee, vice Dr. Craig on military service.

### COUNTY OF LANARK.

AT a meeting or the Local Medical and Panel Committees on December 8th a resolution was adopted placing on record the great loss the Committee had sustained through the lamented death of Dr. Thomson of Uddingston, and its appreciation of his valuable services.

A letter received from the Panel Medico-Political Union was allowed to lie on the table.

It was decided to recommend practitioners to particularize the quantity of wool, rolls of plaster, elastic web bandages, etc., required, and to inform the bureau that all bandages should be priced at the white rate unless grey is specially prescribed.

# Meetings of Branches and Divisions.

## YORKSHIRE BRANCH:

### WAKEFIELD, PONTEFRACT, AND CASTLEFORD DIVISION.

AT a meeting held on December 23rd, 1915, a local Medical War Committee was appointed.

A resolution with regard to colliery clubs, identical with one previously adopted by the colliery surgeons in the Doncaster district, was carried as follows:

That in the area of this Division a flat rate of 3d. per week per worker should be the minimum rate of pay at all collieries, and no medical practitioner should hold any appointment in connexion with a colliery sick club at a lower rate of remuneration.

# Association Notices.

## MEETING OF COUNCIL.

THE next Meeting of Council will be held on Wednesday, January 26th, in the Council Room, 429, Strand, London, W.C., at 12 noon.

By order,

GUY ELLISTON,

*Financial Secretary and Business Manager.*

January 1st, 1916.

# Naval and Military Appointments.

## ROYAL NAVAL MEDICAL SERVICE.

THE following appointments are notified by the Admiralty: Fleet Surgeons J. Martin to the *Vivid;* C. H. J. Robinson to the *Gibraltar*, additional, for disposal; L. E. Dartnell to the *Victory*, additional, for disposal. Staff Surgeons G. H. Ross, M.B., to the *Victory;* E. R. Townsend to the *Vivid*, additional; G. E. Hamilton to the *Vivid*, additional, for disposal. Surgeons A. E. P. Cheesman, J. T. D. S. Higgins, M.B., to the *Pembroke;* D. P. H. Pearson to the *Egmont*, additional. Temporary Surgeons H. McMaster to the *Vivid*, J. Cameron, M.B., to the *Egmont*, additional; R. Aitken, M.B., to Chatham Hospital; J. P. Fehily, M.B., to the Haslar Hospital; J. C. Sinclair to the *Vivid*, additional; W. Taylor, M.B., to Plymouth Hospital; M. Viasto, M.B., to the *Victory*, additional, for Haslar Hospital; C. A. Anderson to the *Victory*, additional, for disposal. To be temporary Surgeons: E. J. Cook, R. K. Ford, J. M. Hiddleston, A. M. Dunlop, M.B., A. B. G. Underwood, M.B.

### ROYAL NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE.

Surgeon Probationers H. Poston to the *Linnet*, D. Rankin to the *Hind*, C. A. Kirton to *Acheron*, H. H. Bailey to the *Ruby*. To be Surgeon Probationers: B. F. Niblock, V. R. O'Connor, S. A. Galley, R. L. Stewart, F. H. Smith, W. F. Attwater.

## ARMY MEDICAL SERVICE.

Lieutenant-Colonel F. J. Greig to be temporary Colonel whilst Assistant Director of Medical Services of a Division.

Lieutenant-Colonels to be temporary Colonels whilst Assistant Directors of Medical Services: F. R. Bushwell, P. Evans, C.M.G., M.B.

### ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.

C. M. Wenyon, M.B., to be temporary Lieutenant-Colonel.

Temporary honorary Major M. H. Gordon, M.D., to be temporary honorary Lieutenant-Colonel.

H. W. Bruce, M.D., F.R.C.S., to be temporary Major whilst employed at the Southwark Military Hospital.

Temporary Major A. L. Smith, M.D., relinquishes his commission.

Temporary Captain W. S. Dickie, F.R.C.S., to be temporary Major.

The name of temporary honorary Captain Martin W. Flack, M.B., is as now described, and not as stated in the *London Gazette* of November 1st, 1915.

Temporary Lieutenants to be temporary Captains: S. Fleming, M.B., A. P. Woollwright, W. H. Neil, H. Dunkerley, H. F. G. Noyes, M.B., B. J. Mullin, R. M. Soames, M.B., W. A. Troup, M.B., C. H. Mills, M. Ffoulkes, J. N. Griffiths, M.B., C. H. Harbinson, M.B., J. H. Wilson, R. W. Willcocks, M.B., N. I. Sinclair, M.B., W. S. Evans, H. M. Joseph, M.B., T. R. H. Blake, M.B., O. P. N. Pearn, J. A. N. Scott, M.B., J. F. McG. Sloan, M.B., D. R. Williams, H. H. Whaite, M.B., T. I. Bennett, M.B., H. B. Waller, J. J. Dwyer, T. Meagher, M.B., A. H. R. Duncan, W. B. Davy, R. D. Forbes, F.R.C.S., R. H. Lucas, A. W. Rattrie, E. Marjoriebanks-Marcar, R. B. Roe, F. Garratt, D. D. Logan, M.D., J. E. M. Brown, M.B., L. S. O'Grady, E. E. Mather, M.B., J. A. Cameron, M.B., J. Jardine, M.D., F.R.C.S.Edin., R. S. Miller, M.D., W. McFarlane, M.B., J. T. Kirkland, M.B., H. A. Harris, M. P. Power, H. H. Prentiss, M.B., J. V. Fiddian, J. A. K. Brayton, L. W. Mortimer, C. L. Williamson, C. E. Dukes, M.B., J. M. Land, W. H. Alderton, B. R. G. Russell, M.D., W. E. Bullock, M.D., H. R. Macintyre, M.D., H. M. Stephenson, A. L. H. Rackham, N. F. Graham, M.B., A. B. Cluckie, M.B., J. MacArthur, H. M. Gilmour, A. [illegible] Edwards, M. H. Whiting, M.B., C. King, M.B., D. Duff, F.R.C.S.Edin., F. Hartley, M.B., T. E. Amyot, M.B., F. W. Hird, M.B., J. R. Rigg, M.B., W. J. Ronan, M.B., E. J. Stubbs, M.B., H. H. White, M.D., L. A. Walker, M.D., E. P. Chennells, R. Sherman, M.B., A. L. George, J. McA. Hill, M.B., J. S. English, M.B., F. A. Murray, M.D., M. du B. Ferguson, M.D., F. R. Dougan, M.B., I. A. Dowling, S. Campbell, M.B., J. C. P. Bayley, G. W. Fleming, E. C. A. Smith, J. W. C. Gunn, M.B., H. Thwaites, L. D. Saunders, S. Murray, M.B., J. Craig, M.B., E. D. Wortley, T. Duncan, J. Lumb, M.B., J. D. Harmer, M.B., F.R.C.S., C. J. Buchheim, M.B., J. A. Ireland, A. V. Stocks, M.B., J. R. Kemp, G. Matthews, M.B., J. D. C. Swan, M.B., W. L. Hodge, A. V. J. Harrison, M.B., R. M. Greig, M.B., D. H. D. Wooderson, M.B., C. O. Stallybrass, M.D., P. J. S. O'Grady, M.B., R. C. Monnington, M.D., T. B. McKendrick, S. J. Simpson, M.B., F.R.C.S.Edin., W. H. Steele, M.B., V. Vesselovsky, W. Morris, C. A. Boyd, M.D., N. R. Rawson, M.B., C. R. B. Von Braun, A. C. S. Courts, M.D., E. L. Z. Fickling, J. McK. Ferguson, M. Hallam, S. Nockolds, M.B., W. Brown, M.B., W. R. Pagen, H. P. Shackleton, M.B., A. H. M. Robertson, M.B., R. V. Powell, J. Jack, M.B., E. S. Johnson, M.D., W. J. Henry, M.B., H. Wacher, M.B., E. H. Worth, H. R. Ford, M.B., J. B. Low, M.B., A. Mearns, M.B., W. W. Halleburch, M.B., E. S. Chapman, M.D., F.R.C.S.Edin., M. J. Johnston, M.B., R. B. Jackson, F. J. O. King, M.B., E. P. H. Vickery, M.B., E. A. Lumley, M.B., J. G. Moseley, W. E. Graves, O. A. Gee, M.B., G. Macleod, M.B., J. J. Sinclair, M.B., S. B. B. Campbell, M.B., D. H. Griffiths, D. W. Jones, W. F. Gibson, M.B., J. Allan, G. E. Genge-Andrews, E. E. Hobson, M.B., L. E. Pimm, G. R. Heard, J. B. McCabe, M.B., E. Evans, M.B., E. C. Fawcett, M.B., J. Chisholm, M.B., P. H. Rawson, G. Richardson, M.D., W. G. Thompson, M.D., F.R.C.S.Edin., J. S. Hall, M.B., H. L. Apthorp, M.D., E. Forbes, M.B., H. C. Godding, F. G. Crookshank, M.D., A. G. Caldwell, M.D., W. Miller, M.D., H. G. Massy-Miles, A. G. G. Plumley, M.B., K. D. Bean, M.B., P. J. A. Seccombe, M.B., W. S. Dickie, F.R.C.S., J. Graham, M.B., E. W. Lawrence, M.B., G. Pirie, M.B., K. G. Hearne, M.B., P. Butler, A. C. W. Knox, M.B., A. E. S. Martin, F.R.C.S.I., C. Sand, M.B., H. H. Raw, G. L. Brunton, M.D., D. O. Riddel, A. W. S. Christie, M.B., F.R.C.S.Edin., J. E. Cook, M.B., L. C. Johnston, G. Mitchell, M.D., A. Langwill, M.B., L. Bathurst, M.B., L. C. Somervell, W. Ormsby, E. W. Adcock, M.B., A. R. Fraser, M.B., A. H. James, R. C. Robertson, M.B., S. G. Askey, M.B., J. M. Clements, M.D., W. H. Brodie, M.B., H. Caplan, M.B., C. G. Whorlow, N. Booth, M.B., J. N. Dobbie, M.B., S. G. Billington, M.B., F.R.C.S.E., J. A. Hendry, M.B., F. A. Cooke, M.D., A. J. O. Wigmore, M.B., F. S. Rowland, J. H. H. Pearson, M.D., E. L. Middleton, M.B., S. Lyle, M.B., J. Lee, M.D., T. J. Burton, M.D., G. B. Richardson, R. J. Jones, F. De S. McMenamin, M.B., J. Warwick, R. A. S. Sunderland, M. Hynes, M.B., N. G. Thornley, M.B., J. S. Martin, M.D., R. McL. Veitch, M.D., E. Mansfield, M.B., D. C. Hanson, M.B., W. de M. Peyton, M.B., M. M. Cruickshank, M.B., H. J. Pickering, D. Haig, A. E. Taylor, M.B., E. C. Myott, M.D., H. Stanger, H. Faulkner, M.D., J. Allison, M.B., J. Gaston, M.B., C. C. C. K. White, A. K. Cosgrave, M.B., W. N. Watson, M.B., L. D. Roberts, M.B., S. R. Richardson, M.D., H. H. Carter, M.B., H. C. Mulkern, F. O'Neill, G. T. Mowat, M.B., M. H. Pearson, M.B., J. S. Martin, J. Gibson, M.B., R. B. Macfie, M.B., F.R.C.S.E., R. G. Brown, D. G. M. Munro, M.D., G. Schofield, M.D. (late Captain, Hampshire Regiment).

To be temporary Captains: H. H. Scott, M.D., J. H. Connolly, M.D., F.R.C.S., M. A'B. McCarthy, M.B. Arnold, M.D.

To be temporary honorary Lieutenants: G. S. Graham, M.B., A. T. Edwards, F.R.C.S., E. L. Davies.

Lieutenants of the Canadian A.M.C. to be Lieutenants: V. K. O'Gorman, G. Cooper, M.B., R. C. J. Stevens, M.B., E. F. Nivin, C. A. Dupont, M.D.

## TERRITORIAL FORCE.

### ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.

*London Casualty Clearing Station.*—Lieutenant H. Drummond, M.B., late Lieutenant Northumberland (Hussars) Yeomanry, to be Lieutenant.

*London (City of London) Sanitary Company.*—Captain C. J. D. Gair is restored to the establishment.

*London Sanitary Company.*—John Tate to be Lieutenant. The following Lieutenants (temporary Captains) to be Captains: F. G. Caley, W. J. M. Slowan, M.D.

*Home Counties Field Ambulance.*—J. J. C. Hamilton to be Lieutenant.

*Southern General Hospital.*—Captain John W. Gill to be Major, December 20th (substituted for announcement in the *London Gazette* of December 20th).

*Wessex Casualty Clearing Station.*—Captain A. E. Huxtable, from London Field Ambulance, to be Captain.

*Western General Hospital.*—Lieutenants to be Captains: T. R. Bowen and G. I. Strachan, M.D.

*South Wales Mounted Brigade Field Ambulance.*—Lieutenant A. W. W. Hayles to be Captain.

*Welsh Field Ambulance.*—E. W. Griffith (late temporary Lieutenant R.A.M.C.), to be Captain; J. S. Wallace to Lieutenant.

*East Anglian Casualty Clearing Station.*—Lieutenant J. Green, M.D., to be Captain

*East Anglian Field Ambulance.*—R. J. R. Mecredy to be Lieutenant-Colonel, and seconded for duty with a provisional Field Ambulance.

*South Midland Field Ambulance.*—Captain F. E. France, M.B., relinquishes his commission on account of ill health.

*North Midland Casualty Clearing Station.*—To be Lieutenants: J. W. Archibald, M.B., C. S. J. Kearney.

*Notts and Derby Mounted Brigade Field Ambulance.*—Lieutenant G. W. Miller to be Captain.

*Northern General Hospital.*—Lieutenants to be Captains: B. McKean, M.D., and R. P. Anderson, M.B. Captains H. J. Smith, M.B., and B. H. C. Lea-Wilson are seconded for duty with East Anglian Field Ambulance.

*East Lancashire Field Ambulance.*—To be Lieutenants: C. H. Hibbert, M.D., F. W. Schofield, M.B., E. Hulme, M.B.

*West Lancashire Casualty Clearing Station.*—Lieutenant T. H. Somervell to be Captain.

*Northumbrian Field Ambulance.*—Lieutenant C. Rogers, M.B., to be aptain.

*Scottish General Hospital.*—Lieutenant P. T. Catto, M.B., to be Captain.

*Highland Divisional Sanitary Service.*—A. F. MacBean, M.B., to be Lieutenant.

*Supernumerary for Service with the O.T.C.*—Lieutenants to be temporary Captains whilst serving with the Medical Unit of the University of London Contingent, Senior Division, O.T.C.: Wm. Gillatt and R. D. Maxwell, M.B.

*Attached to Units other than Medical Units.*—Lieutenant-Colonel C. G. Grant, from the Territorial Force Reserve, to be Lieutenant-Colonel. Lieutenants to be Captains: W. L. Griffiths, M.D., F.R.C.S., W. N. P. Williams, N. P. Laing, M.B., R. B. Reed, M.B. A. Stewart, M.B., to be Lieutenant.

# Vital Statistics.

### HEALTH OF ENGLISH TOWNS.

In the ninety-six largest English towns 6,824 births and 5,784 deaths were registered during the week ended Saturday, January 1st. The annual rate of mortality in these towns, which had been 17.1, 15.7, and 14.9 per 1,000 in the three preceding weeks, rose to 16.6 per 1,000 in the week under notice. In London the death-rate was equal to 17.4, while among the ninety-five other large towns it ranged from 7.5 in Southend, 8.7 in Wimbledon, 9.4 in Tottenham, 9.7 in Ilford, 9.8 in Merthyr Tydfil, and 10.2 in Wallasey, to 22.3 in Stockport and in Gateshead, 22.6 in Blackpool, 22 9 in Leicester, 23.3 in St. Helens, 24.5 in Bath, and 24.7 in Carlisle. Enteric fever caused a death-rate of 1.3 in Southampton; measles of 1.2 in Nottingham, 2.0 in Grimsby, 2.1 in Gloucester, 2.3 in Bristol, 2.9 in Stockport, and 3.4 in Leicester; whooping-cough of 1.3 in Coventry, 1.4 in Warrington, and 1.7 in Darlington; and diphtheria of 1.6 in St. Helens, and 1.8 in Cambridge. The mortality from scarlet fever showed no great excess in any of the large towns, and no fatal case of small-pox was registered during the week. The causes of 71, or 1.2 per cent., of the total deaths were not certified by a registered medical practitioner or by a coroner; of this number, 18 were recorded in Birmingham, 10 in Liverpool, 4 in Preston, and 3 each in London, Bootle, Southport, and Rochdale. The number of scarlet fever patients under treatment in the Metropolitan Asylums Hospitals and the London Fever Hospital, which had been 2,738, 2,582, and 2,462 at the end of the three preceding weeks, was 2,464 on Saturday, January 1st; 254 new cases were admitted during the week against 282, 215, and 206 in the three preceding weeks.

### HEALTH OF SCOTTISH TOWNS.

In the sixteen largest Scottish towns 964 births and 765 deaths were registered during the week ended Saturday, December 25th, 1915. The annual rate of mortality in these towns, which had been 22.4, 18.7, and 19.7 per 1,000 in the three preceding weeks, fell to 17.0 in the week under notice, but was 2.1 per 1,000 above that recorded in the ninety-six largest English towns. Among the several towns the death-rate ranged from 10.8 in Hamilton, 11.5 in Kirkcaldy, and 12.4 in Ayr, to 18.9 in Coatbridge, 23.5 in Perth, and 25.4 in Greenock. The mortality from the principal infective diseases averaged 1.1 per 1,000, and was highest in Hamilton and Coatbridge. The 352 deaths from all causes in Glasgow included 5 from infantile diarrhoea, 4 from measles, 2 each from scarlet fever and diphtheria, and 1 each from enteric fever and whooping-cough. Four deaths from measles were recorded in Coatbridge, and 3 each in Greenock and Hamilton; from scarlet fever, 4 deaths in Aberdeen, and 2 each in Edinburgh and Dundee; and from diphtheria, 2 each in Dundee and Paisley.

# Vacancies and Appointments.

*NOTICES REGARDING APPOINTMENTS.—Attention is called to a Notice (see Index to Advertisements—Important Notice re Appointments) appearing in our advertisement columns, giving particulars of vacancies as to which inquiries should be made before application.*

## VACANCIES.

BIRKENHEAD BOROUGH HOSPITAL.—House-Surgeon and Junior House-Surgeon. Salaries £200 and £170 respectively.

BRISTOL ROYAL INFIRMARY.—(1) House-Physicians; (2) House-Surgeons. Salary, £120 per annum in each case.

BURY INFIRMARY. — Senior House-Surgeon. Salary, £250 per annum.

CHESHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL.—Lady Assistant Medical Officer. Salary, £350 per annum.

CHESTER: COUNTY ASYLUM.—Junior Assistant Medical Officer. Salary, £200 per annum.

CHESTERFIELD AND NORTH DERBYSHIRE HOSPITAL. — Second House-Surgeon. Salary, £150 per annum.

DERBYSHIRE ROYAL INFIRMARY. — House-Physician and Casualty Officer. Salary, £200 per annum.

GRAVESEND HOSPITAL.—House-Surgeon.

LEAMINGTON SPA: WARNEFORD GENERAL HOSPITAL.—Second Resident Medical Officer. Salary, £150 per annum.

LEEDS PUBLIC DISPENSARY.—Lady Resident Medical Officer. Salary, £130 per annum.

MANCHESTER NORTHERN HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN, Cheetham Hill Road. — Lady House-Surgeon. Salary, £120 per annum.

MANCHESTER: ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN.—(1) Resident Surgical Officer at the High Street Hospital. (2) Junior Resident at the Whitworth Street West Hospital. Salaries, £150 per annum.

NEW HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN, Euston Road, N.W.—Pathologist (female). Salary, £125 per annum.

NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE INFIRMARY, Hartshill, Stoke-on-Trent.—House-Physician (male or female). Salary, £200 per annum.

OLDHAM COUNTY BOROUGH.—Assistant Schools Medical Officer. Salary, £325 per annum, rising to £400.

PRESTON: COUNTY ASYLUM, Whittingham. — Locumtenent. Salary, £7 7s. per week.

WIGAN: ROYAL ALBERT EDWARD INFIRMARY AND DISPENSARY.—Lady House-Surgeon. Salary, £150 per annum.

CERTIFYING FACTORY SURGEONS. — The Chief Inspector of Factories announces the following vacant appointments: Fintona (Tyrone), Hoddesdon (Hertford).

*To ensure notice in this column—which is compiled from our advertisement columns, where full particulars will be found—it is necessary that advertisements should be received not later than the first post on Wednesday morning. Persons interested should refer also to the Index to Advertisements which follows the Table of Contents in the* JOURNAL.

## APPOINTMENTS.

DUNN, J. E., L.R.C.P.Edin., M.R.C.S., Certifying Factory Surgeon for the Preston (West) District, co. Lancaster.

GRAVES, A. J., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Certifying Factory Surgeon for the Cleator District, co. Cumberland.

GROVES, T. C., M.B., B.S.Lond., Medical Superintendent of the Hereford County and City Asylum, vice Dr. Morrison, deceased.

WEBBER, W. W., L.R.C.P. Edin., M.R.C.S., Certifying Factory Surgeon for the Crewkorne District, co. Somerset.

WYSE, T. F., L.R.C P., L.R.C.S., L.M.Irel., Assistant Medical Officer of the Whitechapel Union Infirmary.

## BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

*The charge for inserting announcements of Births, Marriages, and Deaths is* **5s.**, *which sum should be forwarded in Post Office Orders or Stamps with the notice not later than the first post on Wednesday morning in order to ensure insertion in the current issue.*

### BIRTHS.

BERTRAM WATSON.—On January 6th, at 2, Ripon Road, Harrogate, to Dr. and Mrs. W. Bertram Watson, a son.

MACKINNON.—On January 9th, at Nairobi, British East Africa, the wife of Murdoch Mackinnon, M.D., D.P.H., of a daughter. (By cable.)

### MARRIAGES.

BARFETT—HANCOCK.—On January 11th, at Christ Church, Surbiton, by the Rev. J. C. Barfett, Rector of S. Denys (father of bridegroom), the Rev. T. C. F. Barfett, Vicar of Halsetown, to Mary Deborah Hancock, M.A.T C.D., L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S.Edin., L.F.P.S.Glasg., daughter of E. H. Hancock, Esq., Alfriston, Surbiton.

COFFIN—STUART-MURRAY. — On January 10th, at the Church of St. Jude on the Hill, Hampstead Garden Suburb, by the Rev. Basil Bourchier, C.F., Lieutenant Stephen W. Coffin, R.A.M.C., son of Harold L. Coffin, to Iris, only daughter of the late Frank Stuart-Murray.

## DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

### MONDAY.

MEDICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON, 11, Chandos Street, W., 8.30 p.m.—Discussion on Gunshot Wounds of the Chest, to be introduced by Colonel Sir John Rose Bradford, M.D., F.R.S., A.M.S., Captain Hubert Henry, R.A.M.C., and Captain Morriston Davies, R.A.M C.T. Lieutenant-Colonel W. Hale White, M.D., R.A.M.C.T., Dr. Samuel West, Dr. Murray Leslie and others will take part in the discussion.

### TUESDAY.

ROYAL SOCIETY OF MEDICINE:
SECTION OF THERAPEUTICS AND PHARMACOLOGY, 4.30 p.m.—A discussion on the Soldier's Heart, to be opened by Sir James Mackenzie, F.R.S.

### WEDNESDAY.

ROYAL METEOROLOGICAL SOCIETY, Surveyors' Institution, 12, Great George Street, Westminster, 7.30 p.m.—The President, Major H. G. Lyons, F.R.S.: Winter Climate of the Eastern Mediterranean.

ROYAL SOCIETY OF MEDICINE:
SECTION OF HISTORY OF MEDICINE, 5 p.m.—Dr. Arnold Chaplin: Mortality in the British Army 100 Years Ago. Dr. H. Selfe Bennett: Joshua Ward.

### THURSDAY.

ROYAL SOCIETY OF MEDICINE:
SECTION OF DERMATOLOGY, 4.30 p.m.—Exhibition of cases.
SECTION OF BALNEOLOGY AND CLIMATOLOGY, 5.30 p.m.—Dr. J. Campbell McClure: Hydrological Treatment of Gastro-intestinal Stasis.

### FRIDAY.

ROYAL SOCIETY OF MEDICINE:
SECTION OF ELECTRO-THERAPEUTICS, 8.30 p.m.—Sir James Mackenzie Davidson will demonstrate a "commutator break" for utilizing the current at "make" as well as the current at "break," and will show a localizing couch. Dr. E. P. Cumberbatch: The use of the "Simpson Light," with a description of the apparatus. Dr. Russ will give an account of the physical properties of the light. The apparatus for the production of the light will be shown.

SOCIETY OF TROPICAL MEDICINE AND HYGIENE, 11, Chandos Street, W., 5.30 p.m.—Paper: The Etiology of Typhus, by Dr. W. J. Penfold

WEST LONDON MEDICO-CHIRURGICAL SOCIETY, West London Hospital, 8 p.m.—Clinical meeting, cases.

### POST-GRADUATE COURSES AND LECTURES.

NORTH-EAST LONDON POST-GRADUATE COLLEGE, Prince of Wales's General Hospital, Tottenham, N.

THE POST-GRADUATE COLLEGE, West London Hospital, Hammersmith, W.—Clinical work; graduates only.

## DIARY OF THE ASSOCIATION.

| Date. | | Meetings to be Held. |
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| | | JANUARY. |
| 14 | Fri. | London: Medico-Political Committee, 2.15 p.m. |
| 15 | Sat. | Scottish Committee, Caledonian Railway Station Hotel, Edinburgh, 12.30 p.m. |
| 19 | Wed. | London: Finance Committee, 2 p.m. |
| 26 | Wed. | London: Council Meeting, 12 noon. |
| 27 | Thur. | Mid-Cheshire Division, Annual Meeting at Altrincham, 4 p.m. |

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